

Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program

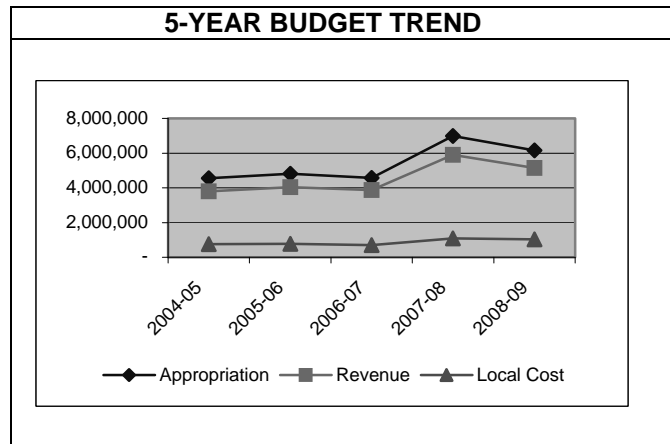
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This federal program was implemented January 1, 2000. It provides a subsidy to children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian. It offers relative caregivers of dependent children a new option for providing a permanent home to these children. To be eligible for the program, the child must have lived with the relative at least 12 consecutive months, the relative guardianship must be established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 366.26, and the juvenile court dependency for the child must be dismissed. Movement to the Kin-GAP program is not automatic. The court, with a recommendation from the social worker, has discretion regarding whether termination of dependency is in the child's best interest.

The federal and state governments reimburse approximately 82.5% of this program. The remaining 17.5% mandated local share is funded by the county general fund.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit. Services for this program are provided by staff budgeted in the Human Services (HS) Administration budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

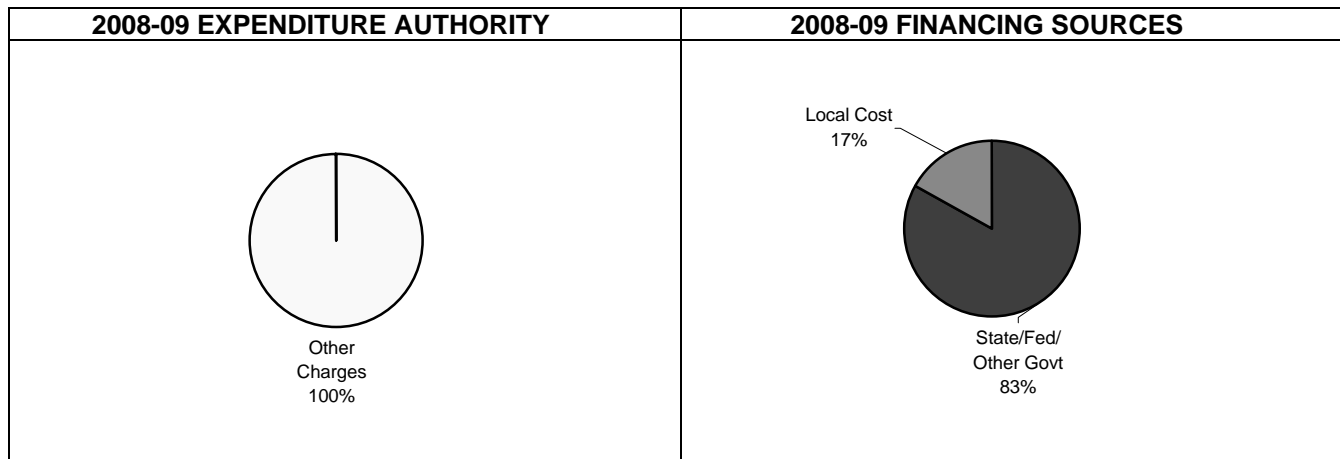
	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Modified Budget	2007-08 Actual
Appropriation	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,449,022	6,734,009	5,129,830
Departmental Revenue	3,248,975	3,459,945	3,737,015	5,896,566	4,241,049
Local Cost	548,611	528,950	712,007	837,443	888,781

Actual appropriation for 2007-08 is \$1.6 million less than modified budget due to lower than projected caseload growth. Although the number of cases in 2007-08 was 9% higher than the prior year, 2007-08 caseload was 19% lower than budget. Fewer children have entered this program than was projected when the budget was prepared.

In March 2007, the state implemented an enhancement to this program, KinGap Plus. This enhancement includes a Specialized Care Increment (SCI) and clothing allowance. Implementation of the program has progressed more slowly than projected, further contributing to the lower than budgeted expenditures.

Local cost exceed modified local cost targets by \$51,338. Local cost savings in other HS Subsistence budget units were utilized to offset this overage and allow HS to remain within overall local cost targets.

ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



GROUP: Human Services
DEPARTMENT: Kinship Guardianship Asst Program
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB KIN
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Final Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Other Charges	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,449,022	5,129,830	6,984,009	6,161,472	(822,537)
Total Appropriation	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,449,022	5,129,830	6,984,009	6,161,472	(822,537)
Departmental Revenue							
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	3,205,052	3,403,407	3,687,046	4,155,375	5,866,566	5,075,205	(791,361)
Current Services	43,923	56,538	49,969	85,674	30,000	60,000	30,000
Total Revenue	3,248,975	3,459,945	3,737,015	4,241,049	5,896,566	5,135,205	(761,361)
Local Cost	548,611	528,950	712,007	888,781	1,087,443	1,026,267	(61,176)

Other charges of \$6.2 million represent subsidies paid to relative caregivers of children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian. Despite the Department of Children's Services' continuing efforts to expand the KinGap Plus program, the movement of children into this enhanced program has expanded more slowly than anticipated. As a result, 2008-09 appropriation will decrease 12% from 2007-08 levels.

Departmental revenue of \$5.1 million represents reimbursements received from Federal, State and Child Support collections.

Due to the reduction in appropriation, local cost is expected to decrease \$61,176 from 2007-08. Projected local cost needs in other HS subsistence budget units will be used to offset this decrease in local cost in an effort to keep HS within local cost targets, overall.

